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Sent: 3/16/2017 6:34:28 PM
To: **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**
Subject: RE: Uranium mining and our groundwater

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Thank you for emailing me your comments on the draft UIC Dewey-Burdock permitting actions. I have added your email to the list of public comments received. I have also added you to my contact list to keep you informed on future EPA actions related to the site.

Here is the link to the EPA UIC program website that contains all the information in the Administrative Record, in case you do not already have it:

<https://www.epa.gov/uic/administrative-record-dewey-burdock-class-iii-and-class-v-injection-well-draft-area-permits>

The public comment period is in effect through May 19, 2017, in case you have any additional comments after reviewing this information.

Thank you!

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Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 8:52 AM
To: Shea, Valois <Shea.Valois@epa.gov>
Subject: Uranium mining and our groundwater

Dear Ms. Shea,

Please accept this email as a formal comment regarding the proposed two Underground Injection Control (UIC) Draft Area Permits and one associated proposed aquifer exemption decision for the Dewey-Burdock uranium in-situ recovery (ISR) site located near Edgemont, South Dakota, under the authority of the Safe Drinking Water Act and UIC program regulations.

I strongly urge the EPA to deny both of these permits and stand up for the American people. Among other hazards, radon emissions, toxic heavy metals and other pollutants, including chloride, sulfate, sodium, radium, arsenic and iron, are in ISR wastewater ponds. Accidents and leaks in this kind of operation are inevitable, raising concerns about runoff into

the Cheyenne River and Angostura Reservoir. As you are aware, the most serious radiation release in the US came from a tailings pond spill at a uranium mine in New Mexico.

We can live without uranium but not without clean water and soil. How will our children and grandchildren survive without clean water. I believe that the EPA's existence is to protect our environment for future generations. Science has proven that mankind has abused our resources and has given us a path forward to ensure we all have clean water and air. Please stand up for us. We already have been let down by the EPA allowing the pipeline to proceed.

Regards,

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